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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 01 with the following paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation-in-Part of and claims priority to parent new U.S. Perfect 6,447,989, Filed application Serial No. 09/415,217, October 12, 1999.--